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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE FIGHTING IN FRANCE AND FLANDERS.

FRENCH REINFORCEMENTS COMING INTO LINE.

General Foch's Decisive Stroke Not Yet Made.

London, April 18.
There is a more cheerful note in the papers to-day, following the reports of the British counter-attack and the indications such as the German attack on Robecq, that the enemy is diverting his main effort farther south again, threatening Bathune. This is partly due to the fact that French reinforcements are coming into the line, but there is still anxiety as to when General Foch will make a decisive stroke now that the British have stood for four weeks the hammering of immense German reserves estimated at 420,000 men in a fashion which led French writers to describe the British armies as "The wing of sacrifice." Though all the experts do not endorse the opinion advanced in some quarters that the advances in the critical northern theatre is definitely checked it is agreed that the Germans have not obtained the decisive result they aimed at, thanks to the extreme stubbornness of the British resistance. The battle, in fact, appears to be following the course of the great series of German thrusts in October, 1914, which ended at Ypres and our failure was then due to their being no Allied reserve. That reserve now exists and has not yet been used. There will probably be continuous fluctuations in the northern area for some time to come but the salient fact of the fighting is the staying power of the British soldier. He has stood the most severe tests for a month and the frequency with which the enemy is repulsed at various points and is now being vigorously counter-attacked is a most healthy sign.

Enemy's Heavy Price For Recent Successes.

London, April 17.
Reuter's correspondent at the British Headquarters, wiring on the evening of April 17, says:—The opinion is general amongst the troops that the past twenty-four hours has been anything but good for the enemy, despite his successes at Bailloul, Lavelberg and Messines Ridge. The last-named has been largely neutralised because "at what a price." Our withdrawal to the east of Ypres was accomplished with masterly skill, the net result of which has been to greatly stiffen our power of resistance whilst forcing the enemy to lengthen his communications across unfavourable terrain. The higher intensity of the fighting, which had been in progress since yesterday morning, lulled during the forenoon and the hurricane of the artillery duel subsided into spasmodic outbursts with intervals of comparative calm. We have taken a good number of prisoners during the last two days. There are signs that another attack is coming between Bailloul and Wytschaete. Doubtless the enemy is determined, after the heavy sacrifices he has paid, to get Wytschaete and will make another onslaught to again remove us from there. Last night there was a sharp conflict at Byelles, south of Arras, but it is quiet to-day. Our positions are being fully held. Fierce shelling of Villers and Bretonneux led to expectations of an infantry assault, but as yet it has not materialised.

The Lys Battle Front.

London, April 18.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—Intense hostile bombardments this morning along the whole of the Lys battle-front were followed by attacks from the forest of Danieppe to Wytschaete. All were repulsed and we inflicted considerable losses. Our counter-attacks are reported this morning to have succeeded in entering the villages of Meteren and Wytschaete, but we were unable to maintain these positions in face of continued attacks. The French are now co-operating on this front.

The French Front.

London, April 17.
Reuter's correspondent at the French Headquarters, wiring on April 18, says:—Although there have been no important battles from Hainaut to Noyon for several days the activities are reciprocal. Enemy concentrations to the north of the Somme indicate that he has abandoned the hope of a break through to Amiens. The French have maintained artillery supremacy and the enemy's front lines and communications have been continuously bombarded, paralysing attempts to fortify positions, breaking up convoys, and impeding the establishment of hostile batteries. Meanwhile we are organising our positions in readiness for Boche onslaughts. French aviators have done magnificently. During nine days and nights they dropped seventy-three tons of bombs on enemy railway and munition centres. During the same period thirty-one enemy aeroplanes and three balloons have been shot down on the battlefield and innumerable attacks have been made by our fleets of aeroplanes, as many as eighty machines engaging at one time on a troop train and marching troops, which were machine-gunned from an altitude of from 50 to 300 feet. One of our squadrons at work on April 8, included fifty-three flights of fighting planes. There were 120 air fights in which eight enemy machines were brought down, twenty-three forced down damaged, five balloons destroyed and five damaged. Forty-eight tons of bombs were dropped during various expeditions, in which Italian squadrons participated.

Fighting North of Montdidier.

London, April 18.
A French communique says:—There has been no infantry action. The enemy has furiously bombarded our first lines and some villages north of Montdidier. Our batteries effectively counter-fired.

The British Line intact.

London, April 18.
Field Marshal Douglas Haig in a communique states:—There is no change on the British front. During the night there was great activity of hostile artillery from Giverny to east of Robecq. There is a heavy bombardment of our positions between Locon and Robecq which was still continuing at dawn. We repulsed local attacks last night in the Robecq sector. Details of yesterday's fighting at Noyelle Forest and Wytschaete front establish the veracity of the enemy's losses. Three waves of German infantry attacking south-east of Kemmel Hill pressed back our line slightly at one point. A counter-attack restored the situation and an enemy attack was repulsed at all points. Three enemy attacks in the Bailloul sector were completely repulsed. Our line was intact along the whole front this morning.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE FIGHTING IN FRANCE AND FLANDERS.

A German Message.

London, April 18.
A German official wireless message states:—We occupied Passchendaele. We advanced our lines near Beclers and Ghelvelt. We stormed the village of Wytschaete and drove the enemy from heights to the north-east and west, repulsing strong counter-attacks. The enemy, while retreating south-west of Wulverghem, was pressed back across the Doves. We captured Bailloul and Meteren and the stubbornly defended support-point of Oappelynde to the north of Bailloul. Strong English forces, supported by the French, vainly endeavoured to recapture Meteren territory on both sides of Merris, but the attacks broke down with very heavy losses.

Belgians Take 600 Prisoners.

London, April 18.
A Belgian communique says:—The Germans in force attacked and gained a footing in the outpost system between Blankerspond and the railway from Ypres to Thourout. Counter-attacks completely drove out the enemy, and we took six hundred prisoners.

Unprecedented Slaughter of Germans.

London, April 18.
Mr. Percival Phillips, the war correspondent, describes the German methods of attack on the Western Front, in an account of the heroic stand made by certain English units who prevented the enemy breaking through between Meteren and Strassele. He says that the units kept repelling the rushes all night long. The Germans dribbled in a few men at a time, fresh parties coming along despite slaughter of their predecessors. The ceaseless trickle of grey among the khaki uniforms resulted in accumulation of certain pockets, no matter how fast the British worked their guns. Sometimes these pockets, drifting together like particles of quicksilver, would suddenly become a formidable menace on a flank. The incessant flow of Germans in twos and threes was on one occasion built into a machine gun attack on one of the British Headquarters, whose staff was working at high pressure in a cottage. It found itself in a local no-man's land with bullets pattering on the walls. A relief force tipped the German advance just as it was about to cut off the cottage. Frequently the line was shifted so quickly that units in the rear found themselves in the front and a company of Germans would be stranded, enclosed by khaki. A feature of the battle is the heroism of British transport drivers, who were loading ammunition sometimes only a few hundred yards from German machine gun, supplying the front line with food and driving calmly throughout a constant bombardment. Mr. Phillips says that the slaughter of the Germans at Meteren is unprecedented. Bodies are piled on the roadside lining the hedges. He emphasises that in straightening the Passchendaele Salient all guns and ammunition was removed or destroyed and nothing of value was left.

Satisfactory Record in Our Favour.

London, April 18.
Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters, wiring on April 18, says:—Yesterday was a strenuous time for our infantry in co-operation with the French, who are now engaged in the northern battle area. The day is a satisfactory record balancing heavily in our favour. The German waves dashed against our lines in half-a-dozen places. Only at Beavers Hill did they force us to yield ground which a counter-attack regained. Heavy onslaughts were made south-east of Kemmel Hill, west of Merris and two attempts north-west of Wulverghem. The enemy's grand objective was undoubtedly the domination of the ridge system from Cassel Hill to Wytschaete. While the Germans have not made definite gains their losses have been appalling. Our gunners anticipating the enemy's occupation of the evacuated Passchendaele Salient prepared to give him a warm reception. When German infantry advanced over the dreary waste of the great cemetery in the cockpit of Europe, they gathered another ghastly toll. The German attack is near the coast. It is especially noteworthy at this stage of the campaign that the enemy employed four divisions, namely, Maria Infantry, one Bavarian and two Prussian.

FRENCH AND ITALIAN SHIPPING RETURNS.

London, April 18.
French shipping returns show that arrivals for the past week were 1,051 and the departures 1,083. The sinkings were all above and one ship below 1,600 tons. There were no boats unsuccessfully attacked.

The Italian shipping returns show that the arrivals for the past week were 394 and the departures 332. The sinkings were one vessel above 1,600 tons and one sailing ship above 100 tons. One vessel was unsuccessfully attacked.

The Balkans Campaign.

London, April 18.
A German official wireless message says:—Bulgarians on the Struma plain took 155 English prisoners and some Greeks. The British War Office comments that the total British casualties on the Struma were considerably less than the prisoners claimed by the enemy.

THE HOME RULE BILL.

Cabinet Committee Appointed.

London, April 18.
The Cabinet Committee drawing up the Home Rule Bill, consists of ten, namely:—Mr. Walter Long, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Duke, Sir George Cave, Lord Curzon, Mr. U. S. S. D. Addison, Mr. Herbert Fisher, and Sir Gordon Hewart. Liberals; Mr. Barnes, Labourite; and General Smuts, Independent.

Meeting of Unionist War Committee.

London, April 18.
A protracted meeting of the Unionist War Committee, presided over by Lord Salisbury, passed, no resolution, but it is understood there was substantial agreement in favour of an immediate Federal Home Rule in the United Kingdom, giving Ulster the option of being a separate unit.

Irish Unionists' Meeting.

London, April 18.
Sir Edward Carson presided at a meeting of the Irish Unionists. He denied that he had recommended Ulster to accept the whole Irish Government policy. He said he had advised Ulster to support conscription in Ireland.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

BRITISH POLITICAL CHANGES.

Lord Milner Appointed Secretary For War.

London, April 18.
The Press Bureau announces that Lord Derby Secretary for War, has been appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the special mission to France in succession to Lord Francis Bertie. Lord Milner has been appointed Secretary for War and Mr. Austen Chamberlain a member of the War Cabinet.

THE MAN-POWER BILL.

Discussion in the House of Lords.
London, April 18.
In the House of Lords, speaking on the Man Power Bill, Lord Lansdowne heartily welcomed the measure. He said it was their duty to h-p to encourage to the utmost the gallant Army. He said he felt most strongly on the question. He was ready to overthrow many old notions and antagonisms. That could now be done without inconsistency or harming the pledges given under less serious circumstances. At the same time Lord Lansdowne described conscription for Ireland as doubtful wisdom.

Lord Darby, replying for the Government on the Man Power Debate, emphasised the great gravity of the present situation. Any minimising of the gravity would, in his opinion, be disastrous. At the same time he desired to emphasise that although one must have the greatest anxiety he was still quite confident as regarded the result. He supported the conscription movement for Ireland, because he believed the Government would get therefrom a number of young men that would more than fill up the casualties sustained since March 21.

Bill Read a Second Time.

London, April 18.
In the House of Commons the Man Power Bill was read a second time.

HUNGER DEMONSTRATIONS IN HOLLAND.

A Proclamation Issued at Rotterdam.

London, April 18.
Reuter's correspondent at Rotterdam states that the Bargo-master, in a proclamation headed "Disorder means famine," warns the people against collecting in crowds or unruly behaviour, against which the Police and Military will take energetic action.

Mob Barricades With Barbed Wire.

London, April 18.
Reuter's correspondent at The Hague says a mob barricaded the street with barbed wire which cavalry broke. Hunger demonstrations have occurred at Gorinchem, Delft, Eindhoven, Haarlem and Maastricht.

AUSTRIA'S NEW FOREIGN SECRETARY.

What the Appointment Means.

London, April 18.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, Vienna newspapers regard Count Barian's appointment as guaranteeing the closest Austro-German alliance without restrictions.

Count Czernin Thanked.

London, April 18.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam the Emperor Karl has written to Count Czernin expressing his warm thanks for past services and conferring the Brilliante of the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Stephen upon him.

German Newspapers Welcome the Appointment.

London, April 18.
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam states that German newspapers welcome Count Barian's appointment as they are convinced of a supporter of the alliance policy.

Hungarian Cabinet Resigns.

London, April 18.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam a message from Budapest states that the Hungarian Cabinet has resigned.

Cause for The Resignation.

London, April 18.
It is reported from Budapest that the resignation of the Cabinet is immediately due to the impossibility of reaching an agreement on the franchise question, but the appointment of Count Barian is also contributory. It is stated that the Premier, M. Wekerle, favoured the appointment of Count Andrássy.

CANADIAN PARLIAMENT'S SECRET SESSION.

London, April 18.
Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa, telegraphing on April 17, says:—The first Secret Session of the Canadian House of Commons was held to-day, when the Prime Minister communicated to the Members and Senators a statement revealing the seriousness of the war situation and the imperative necessity for a supreme effort. While extreme gravity and peril was realised the attitude of Parliament and Press was unmistakably one of determination that the nation shall not falter, but make every sacrifice of men as a means to reinforce the armies at the front. An order calling out every unmarried man from twenty to twenty-three and directing the registration of men of nineteen, was unanimously supported, as well as drastic measures taken to repress anti-war propaganda, in the Quebec Nationalist Press. Conscription is also being enforced energetically in that Province as in the rest of the Dominion.

GERMANS CUT RAIL COMMUNICATION WITH PETROGRAD.

London, April 18.
Reuter's correspondent at Stockholm says that German troops which landed at Luga have advanced to Lubi, between Tammerfors and Viborg, cutting rail communication with Petrograd.

WELSH MINERS RUSHING TO JOIN THE COLOURS.

London, April 18.
The rush of Welsh miners to the Cardiff recruiting office is so great that the latter, though working day and night, is unable to cope with it. Hence an appeal has been issued for clerical assistance for recruiting officers.

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TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

OBITUARY.

The Oldest Member of the House of Commons.
London, April 18.
The death is announced of Mr. Samuel Young, M.P., who was the oldest Member of the House of Commons.
The deceased, who was in his 98th year, had represented the East Division of County Cavan in the Nationalist interest since 1892. He was head of Messrs. Young, King and Co., distillers of Belfast and was a member of the Royal Commission on Royal Licensing Laws.

NO PERMITS.

Exporters in Trouble.
There were several cases heard at the Magistrate's court this morning in which firms were summoned for exporting goods without a permit.
The first case was that in which the Chey Lee firm, of 33, Wing Wo Street was summoned for exporting 567 piculs of old iron by the a.s. Sunning without a permit.
Mr. Stevenson appeared for the defendants and explained that the matter had arisen through the mistake of a broker. A permit was obtained to export a certain quantity but some other deliveries which were exported at the same time were failed to have been entered on the permit by the broker who was seeing the consignment through. It was purely a mistake.
Mr. Treaman did not dispute the facts but pointed out the amount of the discrepancy was very large.
His Worship imposed a fine of \$25.

The On Tai firm, of 12 Kwong Yuen Street West, was summoned for exporting 4,200 castles of old iron without a permit.

Mr. E. J. Grist appeared in this case and explained that the firm was told that iron could be exported provided it was first inspected by a Revenue Officer. The iron was brought in a junk to the Harbour Office and was kept there for over three hours, during which time several revenue officers passed along. A permit was later given to the man in charge and he thought that this gave full permission for the iron to be moved, and it was sent away in due course. The iron was moved under the full impression that the permit was complete.

Mr. Treaman stated that the permit bore a special condition that the iron was first to be inspected by a Revenue Officer. No Revenue Officer did inspect the iron for if he had done so he would have signed the permit and the duplicates.

His Worship took a serious view of the case, saying that the defendant should have taken every trouble to see that his permit was in proper order.

He imposed a fine of \$100.
Before Mr. J. B. Wood, M. Navalli, of 3, Wood Road, was summoned for exporting four pounds of butter from the Colony without a permit.

The defendant maintained that he did not know that he had to get a permit, or else he would certainly have done so.

His Worship thought that the case would be met by a fine of \$5 and the confiscation of the butter.

Mr. Treaman:—The butter is rather old now.

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Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
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Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
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GENERAL NEWS.

Society Wedding.

The gathering at St. Margaret's Westminster, on February 13th, when Captain Cyril Asquith was married to Miss Anne Pollock, was of exceptional interest. Lord and Lady Jellicoe were there, but were not recognised by the crowd of onlookers, and Mrs. Winston Churchill, Sir John and Lady Lavery, Lord Bryce, Mr. and Mrs. Gulland, with many other members of both Houses.

German Deport Children of 13. Havre, March 6.—The Germans continue to dynamite the engines, machines and foundations in factories, according to Belgians recently escaped from Belgium. They are also carrying off the rails from street and local railway tracks. The rails on one line have disappeared entirely. It is said the rails are being shipped to Germany. Deportations of Belgians continue and have extended to children 13 years of age.

Tientsin's "Man Power."

The China Crisis understands that the British Consulate-General at Tientsin is continuing its enquiries from all the male British subjects in that port, between certain ages, as to their willingness to serve and requesting full details of their age, past service, etc. There are at least fifty men who could easily be spared from Tientsin if necessary, without in the least crippling business, if their services are required and their expenses paid home.

Proud of his Feet.

Goose Creek, Tex., March 2.—Private Mose Jefferson, the negro who was honourably discharged from the National Army at Camp Travis, San Antonio, because the Government could not find shoes big enough to fit him, is back in his little log cabin home near Goose Creek. He is sloshing around unshod, as he has been doing ever since he saw the light of day about twenty-five years ago. Mose's feet, required a No. 15 shoe. During the three months that he spent at Camp Travis he was a sore trial to the officials of the supply department, as well as to the officers who had charge of the drilling of the company to which he belonged. Mose is proud of the distinction he has attained. Grand Duchess Refuses to Wed Prussian.

Geneva, Switzerland, March 7.—Inhabitants of Luxembourg, including two Judges, and also several Swiss tradesmen, have arrived in Zurich. They declare that the refusal of the young Duchess of Luxembourg to accept a Prussian Prince as a husband continues to cause the greatest irritation in Berlin royal circles. Nearly every three months a new Prince is sent down to Luxembourg and the Duchess is obliged to receive him. The Grand Duchess of Luxembourg, now 24 years of age, the most beautiful of her beautiful sisters, succeeded her father in 1912. All the sisters were educated by French governesses. It is said that when the Kaiser passed through Luxembourg, a fortnight after the German Army had invaded the country, and called to pay his respects, Marie Adelaide, Grand Duchess, declined to receive him.

Indigo Blue Secret. Washington, March 7.—The dearth of dyestuffs in the United States, owing to the stoppage of the German supply appears likely now to be met substantially by production at home. The Government has been advised that the du Ponts have successfully made the first run of indigo blue and produced an article quite up to the German or Swiss standards. This result has been attained by long and painstaking experimentation, starting from the patented German formulae, which, as an incident of the war status, citizens of the United States may utilize. Owing to the regular manner in which the German patents were taken out and the incomplete statement of the formulae themselves, it has been a tedious process to get the desired results, but this has been accomplished, it is understood with entire success. The achievement has come some time ago, as the entire supply of indigo dyes is limited all over the world. This dye is now worth \$17,000 a ton.

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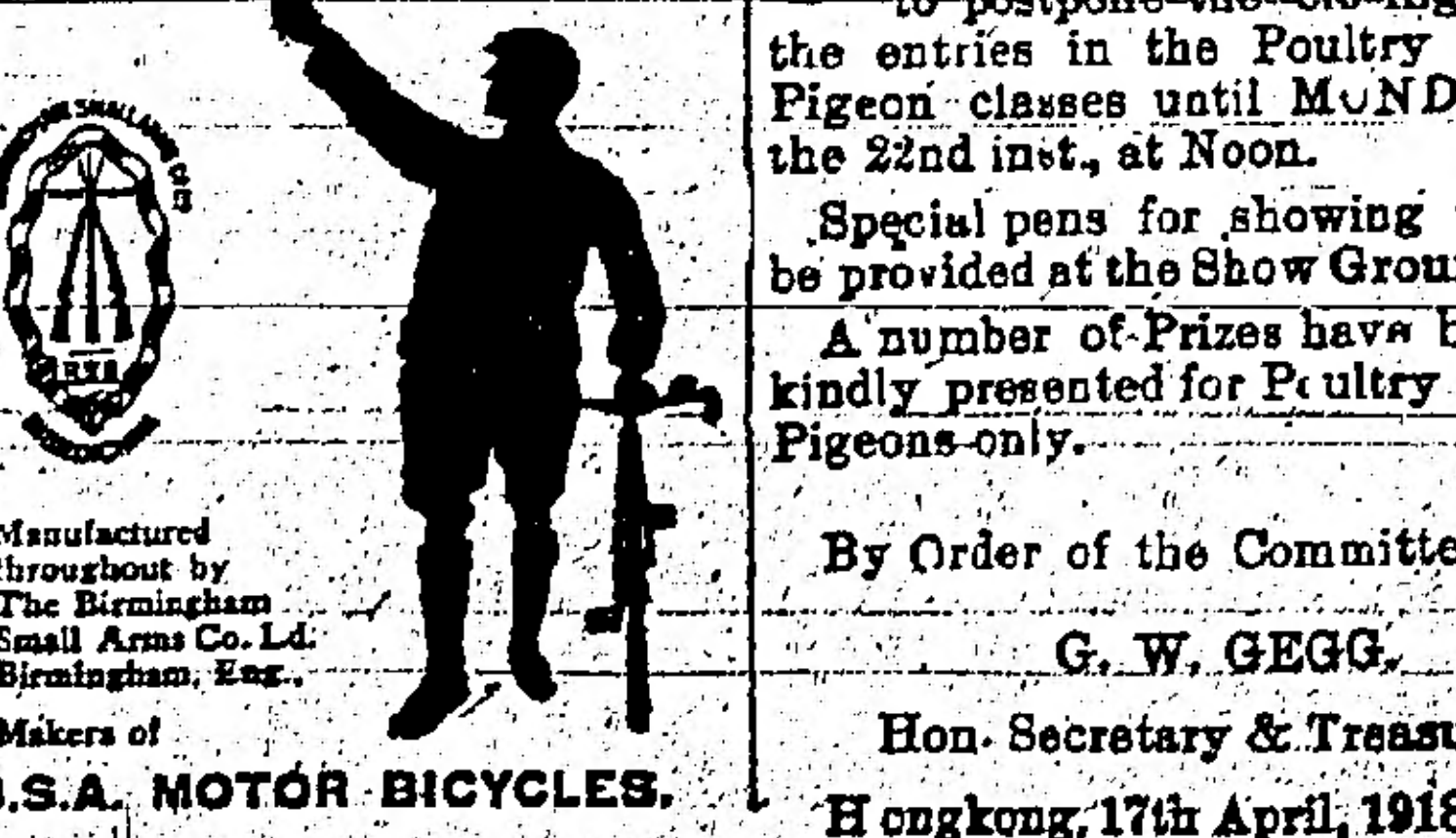
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Hongkong, 17th April, 1918.



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SHIPPING NEWS

Missing Russian Steamer.

The Russian steamer "Seawall," 350 tons, of Vladivostok, has not been heard of since she left Vladivostok for Nagasaki with 2,000 koku of salted salmon on February 18. A 500-ton ice breaker was despatched from Vladivostok as it was thought that she might be caught in the ice, but no trace of the vessel was found.

Canadian Steamers for France.

The Canadian West Coast Navigation Company has disposed of nine of its twelve auxiliary schooners to the French Government. They are all British Columbia built vessels. The Company has made a profit of over a million dollars on the deal, and it is considered likely that other vessels will now be built.

O.S.K. Genoa Service.

As already reported, says the "Japan Chronicle," the Osaka Shosen Kaisha has opened a service to Genoa, the first steamer, the Luxon-maru, being due to sail from Kobe on the 12th instant. The Company has also been contemplating inaugurating a service to Genoa, which scheme has now materialised. Since January last the Kureha Company has been operating four steamers, the Eido-maru, Togomaru, Jintan-maru, and Harima-maru, under contract with the Italian Government. It is reported that the Osaka Shosen Kaisha has now taken over these steamers and will maintain a monthly service between Bombay and Genoa. Japan cargo for the Italian port is to be transhipped at Bombay.

American Shipping Shortage.

Figures showing an acute shortage of shipping have been compiled by the executive board of the National Patriotic Societies as part of a campaign to win public support for an extensive programme of ship construction. According to these figures the present shortage is 1,435,894 tons gross - almost 1,500 vessels of 5,000 gross tons each. It is declared that the total tonnage usable by the United States and its allies to-day is 4,435,894 gross tons less than it was in the fall of 1914. These figures take account of tonnage built and subtract the amount lost through submarine activities. It was estimated that this shortage must be added 3,000,000 tons as the minimum necessary for the United States to transport and maintain 1,500,000 men in the war zone. Estimates were that 2,000,000 tons will be the maximum of building to be expected from Great Britain in 1918, and revised prediction are that the United States may not exceed 3,000,000 tons this year. This gives a probable additional tonnage of 3,000,000. It was pointed out, however, that the destruction of vessels during the first year of unrestricted submarine warfare was between 5,000,000 and 7,000,000 tons. A plan under which shipbuilding labour assumes responsibility for turning out 5,000,000 tons of wooden shipping during the coming year was submitted to President Wilson recently by Mr. John J. McGee, former Chairman of the United States Bureau of the Emergency Fleet Corporation. Mr. McGee stated that he speaks for the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and the American Federation of Labour. He said that if the President will put the programme into the hands of the workers themselves they will produce 75,000 tons of deadweight wooden shipping every sixty days after construction is under way. The plan contemplates the building of many new yards and the taking over of those now in existence. Difficulty in obtaining large-sized timbers in quantities is the chief cause for delay in the Shipping Board's wooden-ship programme, according to Mr. McGee. He favors dropping the Ferris type and producing 5,000-ton ships of the Donnelly-Hawker-Hough design. Leading experts are being used to assist in locating trees for the heavy lumber and help the mills and so forth. The Emergency Fleet Corporation announced last night that several months ago the Corporation, in an effort to speed deliveries, increased the price of ship timber by more than a million dollars. Even this did not cause the desired speeding up. Recently the Corporation has arranged to get 300,000 cubic feet of timber from the Pacific Coast.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

PRINCE LICHNOWSKY'S FAMOUS MEMOIR.

Translated into English.

London, April 16.

A translation of Prince Lichnowsky's famous memorandum has been published and Lord Robert Cecil stated in the House of Commons to-day that it would be widely circulated.

Professor Gilbert Murray, who writes the preface to the translation, contributes in to-day's "Chronicle" an article on the Memoir. In this Professor Murray says:—"The Memoir is not indiscreet or passionate; it tells the story with devastating simplicity, a story of good faith thwarted by bad faith, wisdom by madness and the patience of the peace-maker by the fret and greed of those who placed their hopes in the war. The story is not so new in England as in Germany. It only confirms what we knew from the White Paper and other diplomatic correspondence. Prince Lichnowsky gives his three main conclusions about German Policy, namely before 23rd July, 1914, Germany encouraged Count Berchtold to attack Serbia though fully aware of the danger of its action leading to a world war. Between 23rd July and 30th July, 1914, Germany rejected the British and all other proposals of mediation. On 30th July when Count Berchtold wanted to come to terms with Russia, Germany prevented him by launching her ultimatum. All this is matter of common knowledge with us. On the other hand the secret Council at Potsdam on 1st July, 1914, at which the Emperor decided upon this war policy is evidently common knowledge in German diplomatic circles and Prince Lichnowsky only mentions it in passing. Everyone now knows that Sir Edward Grey did all that man could do to avert the war but some critics are still inclined to argue that his previous pro-French pro-Russian policy had been directed against Germany and brought war nearer. Prince Lichnowsky's evidence on this point is clear. 'Sir Edward Grey having settled all outstanding points of difference with France and Russia he wished to make similar agreements with us. It was not his object to isolate us but to make us partners in the existing association.' Prince Lichnowsky then gives Sir Edward Grey's own words describing his aim 'without interfering with our existing friendship with France and Russia which has no aggressive obligations upon England, to arrive at rapprochement and friendly understanding with Germany.' Mr. Murray proceeds to mention the three main questions in issue between Britain and Germany before the war, namely the Baghdad railway, the Portuguese Colonies and the German Naval programme. Sir Edward Grey agreed not to object to the eventual acquisition of the Portuguese Colonies by Germany provided that Portugal's consent was obtained in a legitimate manner. His only stipulation was that certain Anglo-German secret treaties must be published one whereof in 1893 divided the Portuguese Colonies into economic spheres of influence between England and Germany. Mr. Murray says there was nothing sinister in this treaty. It involved no claim to territory. We merely agreed not to push our trade in one part and Germany agreed not to push hers in the other part but the German Government refused to agree to the publication of the treaties. Lichnowsky considered this refusal insensate. To have published this treaty would have let the German people into the secret that England, whom they were taught to regard as an enemy, was really acting as a friend. Professor Murray proceeds: "The story is just the same as with the Baghdad railway and German shipbuilding, namely steady endeavour by Sir Edward Grey even at the cost of some risk to meet Germany's legitimate wishes and to help her to a place in the circle of 'cordial understanding' and steady determination in the heart of the German Government to be bound by no ties which might hamper its future unlimited craving for power." Professor Murray wonders why the German Government allowed Prince Lichnowsky's memoirs to be published in Germany? He suggests that the reason is the German Government is riding on two horses. "If the western offensive succeeds then the cry will be 'Gott strafe England,' the confessed contrivers of so splendid a war will be national heroes and none will listen to the small voice of Lichnowsky; if the offensive fails it will be just as well to have people prepared for some reasonable concessions. If this is true then there is some power in the background behind the German militarists ready to profit by their successes if they win and equally ready to discard them if they lose. Ludendorff triumphant will be master of the world but Ludendorff beaten will not even be master of Germany."

OBITUARY.

Sir John Willoughby.

London, April 17.

The death is announced of Major Sir John Christopher Willoughby, aged 59.

Sir John Willoughby served in the Egyptian and Nile campaigns, was second in command of the forces of the Imperial British South Africa Co. in Matabeleland in 1890-91, took part in the conquest of Matabeleland, accompanied Dr. Jameson into the Transvaal in 1895, served during the South African War, was in Ladysmith throughout the siege and was in charge of the transport of the Flying Column which relieved Mafeking.

EMPEROR KARL'S LETTER.

Laid Before the French Chamber.

Paris, April 17.

The dossier regarding Emperor Karl's letter cable on the 12th inst. was laid on the table of the Chamber. It shows the letter was written in pencil. Prince Sixte gave M. Poincaré a copy as he was asked to keep the matter secret. M. Poincaré did not inform the new Government but disclosed the contents of the letter to Mr. Lloyd George and Baron Sonnino. The three ministers agreed that it offered no basis of discussion.

NORWAY'S SACRIFICES.

Christiania, April 17.

The Norwegian "Commercial Shipping Gazette" commenting on the report that Holland will receive ship for ship compensation, says that this is only justice but adds, the Dutch however laid up half a million tons of shipping until it was requisitioned whereas the Norwegians have sacrificed hundreds of ships and the lives of hundreds of being torpedoed, Norway has been treated much worse than Holland but we make no accusation against anyone.

A WEEK'S SUBMARINING.

London, April 17.

The Admiralty announces that the arrivals for the week were 2,211 and the sailings 2,406. Eleven vessels over and four under 1,800 tons were sunk. Twelve were unsuccessfully attacked. One fishing vessel was sunk.

Madrid, April 17.

The Spanish steamer Louise, proceeding to the United States has been torpedoed. Three of the crew were drowned.

Bern, April 17.

The Government has demanded reparation from Germany in respect to the torpedoing of a Spanish steamer carrying corn for Switzerland. Germany has replied that she is awaiting the return of the submarine responsible therefor.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE FIGHTING ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

Successful British Counter-Attack.

London, April 17.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: We successfully counter-attacked last night in the neighbourhood of Wytschaete. Our counter-attack also restored the situation at Mitteran, which we retain. We repulsed with loss repeated attacks northward of Baillou. Our fire at close range caught bodies of the enemy infantry advancing in close formation, inflicting heavy casualties. The enemy endeavoured to develop an attack at noon yesterday of Robecq, but our artillery broke up the advance. In consequence of the enemy's progress on the Lys front, our troops in forward positions eastward of Ypres withdrew to a new line. The withdrawal was carried out deliberately and was undisturbed by the enemy. German parties advancing over our old positions were caught and destroyed by the fire of our outposts. We drove out parties who entered our trenches opposite Boyelles, where our line has been completely restored. There was considerably increased hostile artillery, firing this morning on the British front southward of the Somme.

"Terrific and Unintermittent Gun Fire."

London, April 17.

Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters, writing to-day, says: In the course of three years' experience of this war I have never heard such terrific and unintermittent gun fire as has been going on since yesterday afternoon and is still proceeding. It is like the roar of a factory full of high-speed machinery parts of which are constantly crashing through the roof and the walls. The battle is raging with incredible intensity. But, notwithstanding the weight and desperation of the attacks, the enemy has not gained further ground. Perhaps the best news was last night when we were advancing in the neighbourhood of Wytschaete. Early yesterday the enemy heavily and determinedly attacked the Dasmstrasse line where he was beaten off. Our artillery dispersed large bodies concentrating for another attempt. The Dasmstrasse sector is midway between Hollebeke and St. Elloi. Among the many attacks yesterday one of the greatest was against the Zillebeke sector. Here the enemy's massed waves were shot down like mown hay. They were ordered to retire whereupon our gunners got them in the flanks with open sights. The slaughter was appalling. The famous leaning Virgin of Albert Cathedral was shot down by the Germans yesterday.

Successful French Coups de Main.

London, April 17.

A French communique says: There has been fairly great reciprocal artillery and patrol encounters on the front of the Somme and Oise. We effected several 'coups de main,' notably south-west of Butte du Mesnil, in the region of Tahure and north of Fluey. We took prisoners. An enemy attack east of Samogneux on the right of the Meuse failed.

Enemy's Terrible Losses.

London, April 17.

A semi-official message says: The enemy has paid for his success between Baillou and Neuve Eglise with frightful hecatombs of dead. Whole battalions were thrown in with unexampled disregard of human life. Undoubtedly the enemy will continue the battle with fresh reinforcements and fresh sacrifices. His objective is clear, namely to turn the range of heights rising 150 metres above the plain in a triangle formed by Cassel and Baillou. This operation demands a little time and the French and British forces may stop it.

The Allied Line Unbroken.

London, April 17.

The gravity of the position resulting from the latest German successes is admitted by the newspapers, but still there is no note of despondency. It is recognised that the British army is assigned the arduous role of delaying the advance of a numerically superior enemy. It is holding most tenaciously every foot of the ground but disaster is unimaginable for the Allied line is still unbroken. In this connection Sir Douglas Haig's appeal to the troops is recalled wherein he spoke of French forces hurrying to support and the confidence he felt that they would intervene at the proper time. This is a repetition of Verdun on a grander scale, with Baillou, Neuve Eglise and Wytschaete each representing Thioumont Farm. All are offered to the enemy at the price of his exhaustion.

Their objective last week was Bethune. They were held there and they tried Hazebrouck which is a more important centre than Baillou, but were stopped here also. They are now exerting strength northwards, but the previous two failures and also that at Amiens, justify the hope that the enemy may be stopped again. A disquieting feature is the evidence that the enemy is still bringing fresh divisions from Russia enabling them to increase their weight and pressure.

Enemy's Supply of Reserves.

London, April 17.

The "Times" declares that the Germans can draw reserves from Russia for months. Correspondents testify from their own experience to the magnificent spirit of the English and Scottish regiments who are fighting so stoutly. Every man is convinced of ultimate victory. Some writers suggest that Admiral Beatty's sweep of the Ostergat is connected with the anticipation of an attempt by the German fleet to participate in the offensive.

German Report.

London, April 17.

A wireless German official message states: We have captured Poelcappelle and Langemark.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

Great Increase in Bank of Japan Loans.

There has been a remarkable increase in the outstanding loans of the Osaka branch of the Bank of Japan. During the last few years, a period characterised by the easiness of the money market, the bank has had only small loans in Osaka except for advances to the Kitahama Bank. It is true that at the end of the month or year outstanding loans would increase, but these used to be reimbursed upon the turn of the month or year. The accommodation to the Kitahama Bank, which was made when that institution was involved in serious embarrassments some years ago, was repaid toward the end of last year, and as a result loans outstanding at the Osaka branch of the Bank of Japan in the early part of January last amounted to only about ¥1,000,000. The money market then assumed a tendency to become stringent, owing to the combined effects of the old calendar-yearly settlements being immediately followed by the sale of British yen Treasury Bills, coupled with the adverse balance of trade and the apprehensions of bankers concerning the military situation. The money market has since continued stringency and accordingly there has been a growing increase in the loans outstanding at the Bank of Japan. This tendency became pronounced in March. At the end of February the loans amounted to ¥20,650,000, which naturally decreased on the turn of the month, yet on March 2nd the balance of outstanding loans amounted to no less than ¥37,450,000. The figure continued on the ¥10,000,000 level except on March 20th and 23rd, when it stood at about ¥8,000,000, until on the 30th the loans amounted to no less than ¥28,330,000, an amount which is the largest ever attained by the Osaka branch of the Bank of Japan. As already stated, the increase is partly due to the stringency of the money market, but the main reason is the fact that Masuda, Fujimoto, and other bill brokers, have lately been extensively taking advantage of the lowness of the Bank of Japan rate on loans, as compared with the market quotations, to obtain discounting bills and get them re-discounted at the bank. To this practice exception is taken by some banks and those small bill brokers who have no accounts with the Bank of Japan.—Japan Chronicle.

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PEAK TRAMWAY CO. LIMITED.

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SUNDAY: 12.00 P.M. to 1.00 P.M. every half hour. 1.15 P.M. to 1.45 P.M. every quarter of an hour. SUNDAY: 12.00 P.M. to 1.00 P.M. every half hour. 1.15 P.M. to 1.45 P.M. every quarter of an hour.

SPECIAL CASES: By Arrangement at the Company's Office, Alexander Buildings, The Yuen Road.

Season and punch tickets available for all use and already paid, reserving the time stated in the Company's time table, but not for special cases, can be obtained on application at the Company's Office. No return ticket will be issued and payment operator has been made in Bank Notes or by Cheques or Creditors and cash payment.

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Sinking, \$1,500,000 at 2 1/2%.

—\$15,000,000.

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POST OFFICE.

Information has been received from the Director General of Posts and Telegraphs, Tokyo, that on and after 1st April 1918, the Post Office of Japan will collect a demurrage charge from the addressee of parcels on which Customs duties or inland taxes are imposed in Japan, and will forward the parcels to the Post Office within 20 days from the date of the notice of their arrival to be sent to the addressee.

The amount of the charge per parcel is fixed at 5 yen per day after the expiration of the period stipulated.

The parcel post service to Szechuen province has been resumed for ordinary parcels only.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

Registered and Parcel Mail closes 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

The Parcel Post service to places in Szechuen Province is suspended until further notice.

The London Post Office advises that all parcels except those for Prisoners of War and all sample packets for Denmark, Holland, Norway, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland will be stopped by the Military Censors unless posted under a War Office permit.

The importation into the Commonwealth of Australia of tea, other than that grown or produced in British Possessions is prohibited, unless the consent in writing of the Commonwealth Minister for Trade and Customs has been first obtained.

The Parcel Post Services to British East Africa and Egypt (except for members of the Expeditionary Force), and to Abyssinia, Bagdad, Ethiopia, French Somal Coast, Italian Somaliland, Portuguese East Africa, Zanzibar and Russia have been suspended.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Siberia and Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

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Uninsured parcels for the United Kingdom will in future be forwarded from Hongkong in bags and the Public are therefore advised to pack such parcels very carefully.

Letters franked at the 4 cents rate addressed to Yunnan and Moupin and other places in the Province of Yunnan should be superscribed with the words "For delivery by the Chinese Post Office."

Parcels for Greece cannot be accepted for transmission unless accompanied by a special permit issued by the British Minister at Athens.

Arrangements have been made for the transmission of parcels to the United Kingdom via Canada.

The rates of postage are as follows:—
Parcel not over 3 lbs. . . . 80 cents.
Do. 7 lbs. . . . 1.80
Do. 11 lbs. . . . 2.70

No insurance can be effected on parcels sent by this route.

WEATHER REPORT.

April 18th 11h. 05m.—No returns from Japanese stations. Pressure has increased very considerably over S. Manchuria, the depression having moved eastwards; slight increases are general elsewhere, except over Tongking, where a slight decrease has occurred.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st 3.18 inch against an average of 3.18 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District	Forecast
1. Hongkong to Gap Rock	E. winds moderate; fair, for or mist.
2. Formosa Channel	The same as No. 1.
3. South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook	The same as No. 1.
4. South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

April 18, a.m.

Station	Hour	Barometer	Temperature	Humidity	Winds	Force	Weather
Ventcock	6a	29.95	59			0 f	
Hemuro	6a						
Sakodate	6a						
Tokio	6a						
Kobe	6a						
Nagasaki	6a						
Kyushu	6a						
Hankow	6a	30.01	46	69	nne	4 b	
Shanghai	6a						
Changhai	6a	29.96	57	95	ene	1 b	
Outsiao	6a	29.95	56	100	ene	4 o	
Sharp P.	6a	30.3	66	87		0 b	
Amoy	6a	30.03	65	84	se	2 o	
Swatow	6a	30.02	61	98	s	1 b	
Taihu	6a	30.03	59			0 b	
Taiwan	6a	30.01	63		ene	2 b	
Koshu	6a	30.00	70		nw	2 b	
P'lores	6a	30.01	64			0 b	
Canton	6a	29.99	69	95	e	1 c	
H'kong	6a	29.99	67	95	e	1 c	
Gap Rock	6a	29.97	70	96	ene	2 of	
Macao	6a						
Wuchow	6a						
Peking	6a						
Hothow	6a						
Peihai	6a	29.91	70	91	ene	4 b	
Tientsin	6a	29.85	72		ene	4 b	
C. St. J.	6a	29.85	77		ene	6 b	
Amoy	6a	29.93	75	91		0 o	
Dagupan	6a	29.83	75	83	se	2 b	
Manila	6a	29.91	70	91		0 b	
Legaspi	6a	29.91	77	85	ne	2 b	
Tacloban	6a	29.93	77	84	nw	2 o	
Iloilo	6a	29.97	75	89	n	4 b	
Surigao	6a						
Guam	6a						
Luzon	6a	29.88	77	95	sw	4 r	

C. W. JEFFRIES—Chief Assistant.

Hongkong Observatory, Apr. 19, 1918.

1. Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.
2. Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. Humidity, in percentage of saturation the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4. Direction of Wind, to two points.
5. Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.
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Episode 11

Episode 12

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British Gazette. No. 440

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"FINDING A HUSBAND."

&c., &c.,



TOMBOLA

(IN AID OF WAR CHARITIES.)

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, Hongkong.

THE PRIZES WILL AVERAGE 6 FOR EVERY 100 SPILLS SOLD.

There are in all 2,000 Prizes Valued at Approximately \$20,000.

Purchasers of Spills containing numbers must keep such spills until St. George's Day when the Prizes will be drawn in public view.

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DIAMOND DRAGON FLY BROOCH.
LARGE DIAMOND BAR BROOCH.
TURQUOISE AND PEARL BRACELET.
THICK SOLID-GOLD BANGLE.
AMETHYST PENDANT.
GOLD CHAIN BAG.
GOLD FOUNTAIN PEN.
GOLD LIPSTICK.
GOLD WATCHES.
WRISTLET WATCHES.

QUANTITIES OF CUT GLASS.
DINING ABLE SILVER ARTICLES.
TWO PIANOS.
GRAMOPHONE.
SEWING MACHINE.
TYPEWRITER.
CLOCK.
INCUBATORS.
DOZENS OF PICTURES.
CURIOS AND FANCY GOODS.

ALSO SEVERAL HUNDRED WAR BONDS, ETC.

NOTICES.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY FUND.

"THE WITNESS"

FOR THE

DEFENCE.

REPEAT

PERFORMANCES.

THURSDAY, 25th inst.

SATURDAY, 27th inst.

AT 9.15 P.M.

ORDINARY THEATRE PRICES

Booking at MOUTRIE'S from

FRIDAY 19th inst. 9 A.M.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform

Half Price to Pit and Gallery.

NOTICES.

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN.

THE Subscriptors List for the THIRD LIBERTY LOAN of U.S. \$3,000,000,000 carrying interest at 4 1/4 per cent. per annum closes in America on 4th May, 1918.

THE INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION is prepared to receive applications up to 25th April, on the following terms:—
5% on application.
20% on 2nd May.
35% on 1st July.
40% on 8th August.
and will also grant loans against this security.

LUCKY NUMBERS.

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WE have so much confidence in our LUCKY NUMBER that we GUARANTEE A PRIZE in every 6 "SPILLS" you buy at our Store. If no prize is found in 6 "SPILLS" purchased at our Store, we will give you a prize in our stock worth AT LEAST \$1.00.

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GEO. P. LAMMERT.

AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER AND SURVEYOR.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

THURSDAY, the 25th April 1918, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

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A Large Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture comprising:—

Tapestry covered drawing room suite, easy chairs, teak desks and bookcases, card table, engravings, brass incense burners and figures, vases, carpets, rugs, etc., etc.

Teak extension dining table and chairs, teak sideboards, dinner warren ice chest, dinner and dessert services, glassware, cutlery, electro-plated ware, etc., etc.

Fine double brass and brass mounted iron bedsteads, teak single and double wardrobes, dressing tables, washstands, toilet crockery, etc., etc.

Also

A Quantity of Blackwood ware comprising:—Urns or bins, la y's desk, tables, flower stands, stools, etc., etc.

And

1 Indian Motor Cycle with Side Car (in first class condition)

1 Antioch by Kastner & Co., Ltd.

1 Full Size English Billiard Table by Hennic Bros.

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Terms—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT

Auctioneer.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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The following Valuable Leasehold Property situate at Victoria Hongkong, viz:—
ALL THOSE pieces or parcels of ground situate at Victoria aforesaid and known and registered in the Land Office as Section G of Marine Lot No. 200 and Section D of the Southern Portion of The Praya Reclamation to Marine Lot No. 200 Together with the messuage erected thereon known as No. 116 Des Voeux Road West Victoria—aforsaid. Proportions of Annual Crown Rent \$9.70 and \$4.90 respectively. Area 6.5 Square Feet and 260 Square Feet respectively.

For further particulars and conditions of sale

Apply to

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Solicitors for the Mortgagees, or to

GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1918.

HONGKONG TRAMWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Tramway Company, Limited, will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Limited, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of April, 1918, at 12 o'clock NOON, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

By Order of the Board,

W. E. ROBERTS,